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THE WINNERS ARE ...

### State Races

#### Governor

Jay Nixon-58%

#### Lieutenant Governor

Peter Kinder-50%

#### U.S. House District 6

Sam Graves-59%

#### State House District 4

Mike Thomson-69%

#### State Treasurer

Clint Zweifel-50%

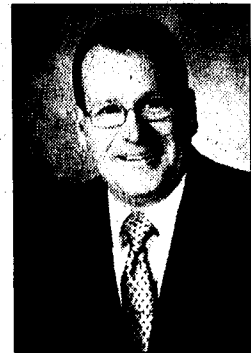
#### Secretary of State

Robin Carnahan-62%

#### Attorney General

Chris Koster-53%

### Local Races



#### Sheriff

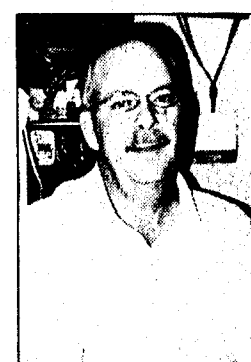
Darren White-52%

#### North District County Commissioner

Bob Westfall-61%

#### South District County Commissioner

Bob Stiens-100%



#### Assessor

Rex Wallace-100%



#### Collector-Treasurer

Marilyn Jenkins-67%



#### Public Administrator

Dune Thomsen-100%

#### Coroner

Vincent Shelby-54%

#### Surveyor

Troy Hayes-100%

### ELECTION 2008



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FIONA MUHSAM CHEERS as Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) is announced as the 44th president while attending the democratic watch party at the Hangar.



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RICHARD LEACH-STEFFENS embraces his wife Lauren as the election results are announced. The Hangar served as a democratic gathering ground Tuesday night.



photo by kelsey dempsy | chief photographer

REPUBLICAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE Mike Thomson checks the numbers shortly after they were read. Community members heard results at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

## A BLUE NOVEMBER

### Obama victory excites variety of voters

By Lisa Houtchens  
University News Editor

"O-bam-a, O-bam-a, O-bam-a," could be heard Tuesday night in the dinner theater of the Hangar, as the votes flashed on the big screen.

As California, Washington state and Oregon turned blue, the theater went wild.

"We just elected the first black president of the United States," Jason Romano said, cell phone stuck to his ear as CNN released its projected outcome of the 2008 election.

The theater filled with screams of "yes we did, yes we did," and people hugged as Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) was announced the next president.

The Hangar was the site of one of two watch parties in Maryville for the volunteers and students involved in the Obama campaign. The second was at Carson's Bar and Grille.

Volunteers for the campaign filled the theater, cheering loudly as democratic nominees won their respected races. The cheers grew louder, as states turned blue.

"This is the most excited I have been since they first elected JFK," Rosie Duty said. "I got interested when he (Obama) began to speak, and I wanted to be part of this election."

For many Northwest students, this was their first chance

to participate in a presidential election, and they realized how important each vote was.

"I voted because I wanted to feel like I made a difference, our votes do matter," student Ryan Simbro said. "If everybody figured their vote didn't count, it could swing a county which could swing the whole state."

This election was no doubt a historic election, with a black man running for president and a woman, Gov. Sarah Palin (R-Alaska) running to be vice president.

"This might just be the most important day of your life," Associate Professor in History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Sciences David McLaughlin said. "I never thought I would see a candidate of color win the presidency."

Northwest volleyball player and black voter Iesha Haskins voted because she has always been passionate about politics, and she voted for Obama because of his stance on pro-choice and gay marriage, she said.

"I feel like if you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain," she said.

With Obama winning the election, it shows America is a "melting pot," she said.

Taking a break from all of the election coverage, a special guest was announced. A Sarah Palin impersonator made a concession speech.

### Then and Now

Votes in Nodaway County

#### 2008 Election Presidential Race

John McCain and Sarah Palin 5,568

Barack Obama and Joe Biden 4,493

Bob Barr and Wayne Root 39

Chuck Baldwin and Darrell Castle 39

Ralph Nader and Mat Gonzalez 20

#### 2004 Election Presidential Race

John F. Kerry and John Edwards 3,830

George W. Bush and Dick Cheney 6,226

Michael Badnarik and Richard Campagna 34

Michael Peroutka and Chuck Baldwin 16

Ralph Nader 13

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ELECTION REACTION

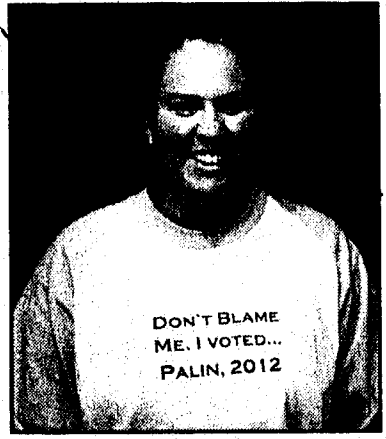
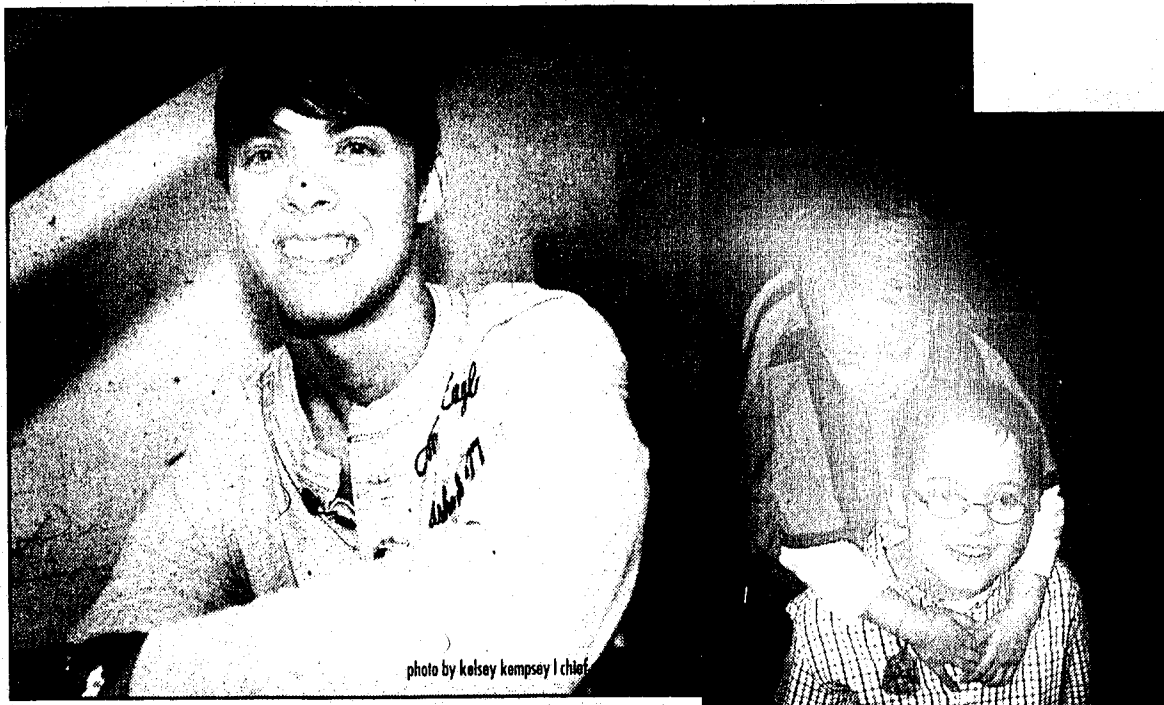


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(left) SENIOR AIRMAN FOR the Missouri Air National Guard, Jamie Israel shows her support for the McCain/Palin campaign. (center) SENIOR WILLY DAINS is happy about the choice Americans made in the 2008 election. (right) HEATHER GREEN'S OLDEST son, Triston, gives youngest brother, Hayden, a lift.



## True life: voters react

By Sydney Moore  
Features Editor

Remember "True Life: I'm Affected by the Election?" The *Missourian* followed up with the three Northwest students who had a lot on the line with the 2008 election. Here's their thoughts on Tuesday's results.

### I want to stay in Iraq until the job is done

Missouri Air National Guard Senior Airman, Jamie Israel is not impressed with the presidential choice Americans made Tuesday. "I am very, very disappointed," Israel said. "I feel we will be paying for it in the next five to seven months." Israel, who volunteered for a 40-day deployment to Al Udeid air base in Saudi Arabia, last December feels the choice Americans made will only worsen the conditions the coun-

try is currently in. "I honestly feel we will be at war on American soil in the next year," Israel said. "I think Obama is going to try and negotiate peace teams, and they will go behind his back. He will be totally blindsided by it."

Israel is also disappointed that Alaska governor, Sarah Palin did not get her chance at vice presidency. "I love Sarah Palin," she said. "She has such a positive outlook on life and Christian values and morals. "In my opinion, I think the election of Obama shows how our families raised our 18-30 year olds. I really think their values and morals aren't good."

### I want equal marriage rights

Northwest senior Willy Dains felt the decision was for the better. "I was excited," Dains said. "Mainly because I voted for him and

it's exciting to see him win." Dains, who has been openly gay for three years, and has been with his boyfriend, Ryan, for eight months. The couple, like all same-sex couples, is deeply affected by the president elect's views on civil rights.

"He can't do everything, obviously," Dains said. "But he seems like he wants to be a great president, not just a president. He wants to be like past great presidents like Roosevelt and Lincoln."

With the many negative reactions the election has brought over the past couple days, Dains said the opposing party needs to get along. "Republicans, even though they were defeated, should get over it," he said. "It happened, the American people spoke and working together is the only way to get things done."

"I want affordable education"

Heather Green, a single mother of three and Northwest student, is still somewhat torn on the choice of our 44<sup>th</sup> president.

"To be honest, I didn't pay a lot of attention to it, but I'm pretty shocked that Obama won," Green said. "I was kind of torn with the results because I didn't know which way it was going to go. My small community of friends thought McCain would win it."

With the balancing act between raising three young sons and keeping up with schoolwork, Green is affected by Obama's education plan.

"I want a more detailed plan on how they'll make things happen. Where is the money coming from?" Green said.

"Just because you throw money around doesn't mean it will happen."

CAMPUS SAFETY



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TWO CAMPUS SAFETY officers and student, Caitlin Mott, run through drills, preparing for what to do if a shooting should happen on campus.

## Campus, Public Safety take part in shooter drill

By Lindsay Jacobs  
Copy Editor

Earlier this week Campus Safety gained some experience it hopes it never has to use in real life.

Active shooter drills were conducted Monday and Tuesday night in the Administration Building.

Campus Safety used the drills to make sure they could handle an emergency.

"We just try to test our procedures, test our staff to make sure that we're prepared ... if an emergency does arise," Campus Safety Director Clarence Green said. "If you don't drill or practice, how do you ever get proficient?"

The drills also included representatives from the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Maryville Public Safety as well as all Campus Safety officers.

Drills like these help test University emergency procedures and helps both University and community officers understand their roles in an emergency, Green said.

The drills ensure officers are trained for any type of emergency situation. There are two drills a year for intruder response, one on a chemical situation and one tornado drill, Green said.

After each scenario, there was feedback so those participating could improve for the next synopsis.

"When you go to training, that's what it's about, to expose those opportunities for improvement and to address them right there," Green said.

About three years ago, two officers from the University, two officers from Maryville Public Safety and one from the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department attended a training session so they could teach the departments in the area. Now there is uniformity when the different departments collaborate efforts, Green said.

"It (joint training) builds some trust and it also builds some resiliency within those groups so I think it's really meaningful for what it does for overall campus," Green said.

Monday night's drill began with an introduction for Northwest cabinet members who were educated on previous active shooter situations. They also received information on the strategies local law enforcement agencies will use in real-life situations.

"I think it's really nice when we have that leadership of the institution there, it's not too often that you see the president at eight at night, and he's out here at a live drill participating in it," Green said. "That really builds camaraderie and trust within the institution."

The drill helped the Cabinet understand what goes on during an emergency situation since they will be at the command center. They could also give their feedback during the drill.

"They'll understand from the ground floor what's going on in an emergency in those early stages so then they're better prepared to make a coordinated effort for response, resources (and) communication to the public because they'll have a deeper understanding of what's going on in an emergency," Green said.

In addition to the Cabinet's participation, Northwest students volunteered to simulate people in a building where there is an emergency.

Students from Residential Life and students who work within Campus Safety volunteered for the event.

The students simulated what would happen inside a building if a shooting would occur. Some stayed where they were with orange tape marking fictitious wounds.

Participating in the drills helped the students understand what goes on during an emergency so they can help calm those around them, Green said.

Junior Bryana Haugen volunteered to serve a student in the drill. She works for Residential Life and volunteered so she could see how officials handled active shooter situations and see what her role as a resident assistant would be in the situations the drills simulated.

Sophomore RA Danielle Easton also volunteered for the drill. She used the drill as a refresher course so some of the information she received in training to be a resident assistant.

"I feel they (Campus Safety) can handle anything that comes," Easton said.

Large exercises, like this week's, aren't the only times for officers to practice what they've learned. There are practices during their shifts to keep their skills fresh, Green said.

The drills have been conducted for the past seven years.

# COMMUNITY

FLU SEASON

## Good hygiene prevents influenza

By Toni Baldwin  
Missourian Reporter

It is that time of year again. The temperatures are dropping outside but inside temperatures are rising with fevers. This marks the start of the dreaded flu season.

Assistant Director of Northwest's Wellness Center, Beau said the majority of patients who come in to get the vaccination are students. Faculty and staff come in as well, but their main business is students.

According to Dooley, influenza is a viral infection of the nose, throat, trachea and bronchi (air passages). The flu virus is spread from person to person by droplets that are coughed or sneezed into the air. It also can be spread by the hands of an infected person who has touched their nose or mouth. Early symptoms of the flu are chills and fever, sweating, muscle aches and headaches. Symptoms soon to follow include runny nose and nasal congestion, cough and sore throat.

Dooley also mentioned outbreaks of the flu occur almost every year, usually in late fall and winter. As flu season approaches there are precautions that can be taken. The flu vaccination is highly recommended. It is the single best way to prevent the illness.

St. Francis Hospital is one of the few places that offer the vaccination. It is recommended for all ages, but St. Francis is more concerned about getting young children and the elderly vaccinated because their immune systems aren't as strong as a teenagers or a middle-aged person.

CDC.gov, the Centers for Disease Control Web site noted that children aged under 6 months should not receive influenza vaccination. Household and other close contact (e.g., daycare providers) of children under six months, including older children and adolescents, should be vaccinated.

Barb Mullock is the Infection Control and Employee Health Nurse at St. Francis. She gives the influenza vaccination to employees at the hospital.

Appointments can be made at the hospital for citizens to get the vaccination. St. Francis sees the most symptoms in January and February she said.

If someone has not gotten the vaccination and has the virus, a doctor can give them an antiviral medication. It is recommended to go to a physician if one feels as if they have the flu so it doesn't turn into anything worse such as pneumonia.

Another way to prevent the illness is having good hand and cough hygiene. Hand washing, using hand sanitizer and coughing into a shirt sleeve rather than a hand is highly recommended when someone has influenza. Doing these things can help prevent the spread of the germs causing others to catch the illness. This is also a good way to help prevent colds and other illnesses.

"The best thing is to prevent by immunization and to get yourself healthy. Using good hand hygiene and coughing hygiene is best," Mullock said.

Another place to get the influenza vaccination is at the Northwest's Wellness Center. An appointment can be made at any time to get the shot.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 5 flu shots will be given in the J.W. Jones Student Union Towerview Room by the Wellness Center. Students can walk in to and from class and get the shot and be on their way.

Flu season for the Wellness Center typically runs from November to March. Their heaviest number of patients with either symptoms of the flu or have the illness is in January and February as well.

Dooley wants to stress the importance of hand washing. Having good hand washing hygiene is a great way to prevent the flu if someone doesn't get the shot.

"The single best thing is to practice good hand washing. We really want to stress this because hand washing can help prevent the flu," Dooley said.

Doctors' offices in Maryville, St. Francis Hospital and the Wellness Center are all prepared for this time of year. It is an occurring illness that happens as the temperatures drop and the winter season approaches.

ELECTION 2008

## Graves wins with loud message from voters

By Lindsay Jacobs and Sean Comer  
Copy Editor and

Republican Sam Graves prepares to head back to the nation's capital after earning his fifth term as the Missouri sixth district representative Tuesday evening.

Confident of his victory, Graves walked through the crowd shaking hands with and hugging the people who supported him during his campaign against Democrat Kay Barnes.

"You all sent a loud message, a very loud message ... we want to make sure we end our dependence on foreign oil, keep taxes low and keep government out of our hair, that's the message you're sending me back to Washington with," Graves told the crowd.

He spoke for about five minutes thanking, his family, those who worked on the campaign and everyone who supported him.

Mary Hill of Liberty, Mo. attended the watch party at Graves' headquarters with her children.

She was happy to see Graves win, especially since the presidential race was "dampening her happiness."

Hill is concerned about illegal immigrants, and supports America drilling for oil within its borders - two issues Graves is passionate about.

Graves is also for strengthening national security, funding the military, making Social Security stable and allowing local control for school funding.

### 'An adventure'

Kay Barnes's congressional campaign closed without much fanfare.

The former Kansas City, Mo., mayor and Democratic challenger to Rep. Sam Graves' (R-6th District) House of Representatives seat delivered a brief, grateful concession speech before most districts had reported results.

Watch party guests at North Kansas City's Screenland Armour Theater probably paid more attention to live coverage of Barack Obama's expanding lead over John McCain than awaiting Barnes's arrival.

"We didn't make it," Barnes said, her



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CONGRESSMAN SAM GRAVES met with supporters and fans while waiting for results.

smile never leaving her face. She thanked her family, friends and campaign staff before reminding supporters "There is not a single loser in this room." Earlier in the evening, Sandra Aust, a Democratic Missouri Senate candidate from Clay County, called Barnes "an innovator" with a gift for bringing people together and championing economic issues and alternative energy programs.

"There is a lot to celebrate tonight for this country," Barnes said. "We're going to get back on the track we need to be on."

Barnes took a critical blow early in the night when Graves won Buchanan County, which Barnes's campaign spokesman Steve Glorioso called one of three must-win counties along with Platte and Clay Counties. Glorioso believed Barnes

could draw enough voters in the St. Joseph and Kansas City areas to match Graves' advantage in rural, more agricultural precincts.

"We don't expect to win any of the rural counties," Glorioso said earlier that evening, also acknowledging the strong Republican base in those areas. "We just need to do OK there to win."

Barnes resisted pointing to any factor to explain her loss.

"There's so many factors that came into play," Barnes said. "We had a huge turnout, which we thought would help us. But anytime you run against an incumbent in Congress, the research shows there are less than 10 percent of those races against incumbents that are won by the challengers. I have not a single regret."



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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR Congress Kay Barnes speaks to supporters in north Kansas City.

ELECTION 2008

## Maryville residents and Northwest students make their voices heard

By Sean Callahan,  
Brian Johnson  
Missourian Reporter,  
Entertainment Reporter

Maryville voters turned out in possible record numbers Tuesday. Certain voters and poll workers attributed the turnout to significant interest in the presidential election.

When the polls opened at 6 a.m., voters were lined up outside First Christian Church on West Third Street, one poll worker said.

By 10:30 a.m., the machines had registered more than 1,000 votes. When the polls closed at 7 p.m., the number had exceeded 2,350.

Laura Street Baptist Church logged about 2,100 voters in 2004, said poll worker Janice Nelson. She said they seemed to be much busier this year.

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"I don't like Bush and I don't want to vote his cronies in," he said. "I don't like his cronies Vice President either. I think she's irrational."

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Northwest student voters turned out as well, many for the first time. Britney Bryant, a freshman and supporter of Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) voted in her first election Tuesday. She feels that people who vote for Obama shouldn't focus on race.

"I watched a few of the debates and am not just voting because he's black," Bryant said. "People should vote for him because they want change."

Another student, Bret Harvel, a senior and supporter of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) looked at both of the candidates' policies and feels Obama is not ready to be president.

"I just don't think Obama's right for the job," Harvel said. "He's a great motivator but I don't like his stance on raising taxes."

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ELECTION 2008

## Sheriff to bring new plan to office

By Lisa Houtchens  
University News Editor

With a family history of law enforcement Darren White, and his family are excited about his new position as Nodaway County sheriff.

Winning the sheriff's race last night by 477 votes, over incumbent Ben Espey, White is enthusiastic about his win and will take many steps when Jan. 1 comes around.

"I am thrilled people responded to the message and that they feel it is important to make

this change," White said.

The first thing White plans to do when he gets into office is to make the sheriff's department run 24 hours which is something new to the county.

"On Jan. 1 sheriff's will work 24 hours a day," White said. "I am shocked that in the 21 century a county this large does not have a sheriff's office that does that."

This election was important to White because he spent much of



his campaigning time focusing on the people of Nodaway County, he said.

"They are the ones we serve, they are the ones we answer to," White said.

White also plans to reinstate the trust between the sheriff's office and the people, and that is the only way to get a head of crime, through listening to the people and going out and working with them to solve problems they have, he said.

ELECTION 2008

## Obama won, but he didn't redraw the map

By Steven Thomas  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON (MCT) - Barack Obama didn't get all the way there Tuesday - not yet, anyway.

He won the presidency, to be sure, in a solid victory that also saw his Democratic Party add to its majorities in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

However, he fell short of the kind of tsunami that would have immediately altered the political landscape and forged an enduring majority that could dominate the national agenda for years. Instead, Obama laid the groundwork for such a potential shift, but probably will need a strong re-election to consolidate and build a new order.

"We don't know yet if this is an anybody-but-a-Republican election or a major shift in the inclinations of voters toward the Democrats," said Steve Schier, a political scientist at Carleton College in Minnesota. "I don't think we'll know until he runs for re-election."

Obama's win in the popular vote was impressive, taking an estimated 52 percent to Republican John McCain's 46 percent. That's the biggest margin for any president since George H.W. Bush won 53.4 percent in 1988, and the biggest for a Democrat since Lyndon Johnson's 61.1 percent in 1964.

His victory in the Electoral College was even more commanding. He led by 349 to 163, with Missouri and North Carolina still to be decided.

Obama won by squeezing out bigger margins and turnout among key groups such as young people, African-Americans and Hispanics.

More significantly, perhaps, Obama and the Democrats established beachheads in once solidly Republican regions, taking Virginia in the South, Indiana

in the Midwest and Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada in the West, not to mention hard-to-get swing states, including Florida and Ohio.

Yet Obama lost the white vote by 12 points, and whites still make up 74 percent of voters.

In addition, his gains in Congress - picking up five seats in the Senate and 17 in the House as of Wednesday - were smaller than expected.

Moreover, in a horrible environment for Republicans - with President Bush's popularity among the worst on record, two unpopular wars and a financial meltdown all turning people sharply against the GOP - McCain still managed to win 46 percent of the popular vote.

The test for Obama, then, will be whether he can increase his support among his base while making inroads among those who are still suspicious of him if not hostile, such as white men.

This week's election returns include some signs of a demographic shift that could help Obama make similar gains.

While it's doubtful that he could get much more of the African-American vote, the Democrats' share of the Hispanic vote could grow. Also, if Obama can keep young people tuned into politics - always a challenge - he could gain as they replace older voters.

However, he'll also have to reach out to other voters, such as independents, and do it as the incumbent president, not as the beneficiary of a widespread rejection of the unpopular incumbent from the other party.

"This was a verdict against the GOP brand and Bush, not necessarily a verdict for Democrats," Schier said. "The Democrats have to govern and earn loyalty and votes. A realignment would mean throwing out the old and enthusiastically embracing the new. We're halfway there."

BRIEFS

### Yuletide Feaste provides old-time fun, music

Northwest will hold the 35th annual Yuletide Feaste, a Renaissance-themed holiday celebration. More than 50 musicians, singers, actors, lords, ladies, and royal persons in full regalia will attend. This year's feaste will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday Dec. 5 and Sat. Dec. 6 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. The department of music sponsors

the event each year to offer a glimpse of the Christmas season that was celebrated in England more than 400 years ago.

Yuletide Feaste tickets are \$27.95 per person and may be purchased at the music/ art office in the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Tickets may also be ordered by phone at (660) 563-1315.

### 'The Birds' premieres at new Studio Theater tonight

Northwest dramatic art's program will present Aristophanes' "The Birds."

The performance will take place in the newly completed studio theater. "The Birds," will be presented at

7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 through 8 and Nov. 13-15. A 2 p.m. matinee show will be on Sat. Nov. 8.

General admissions tickets can be purchased for \$8 at the door. For reservations, call (660) 562-1321.

THE GREAT DEBATE



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OUR VIEW

# Obama has many promises to keep, people to unite

The question remains on everybody's lips if Sen. John McCain's supporters will let Sen. Barack Obama be their president.

"And to those Americans whose support I have yet to earn, I may not have won your vote tonight, but I hear your voices. I need your help. And I will be your president, too," Obama pledged Tuesday night after becoming the first black president-elect.

"Historic moment" were the words of the day Tuesday night as America watched 62 million votes tally for Obama. Audiences and viewers at home choked up as they listened to Obama's acceptance speech. Surely that was a moment that will not soon be forgotten.

But not everybody was choked up, and they were not forgotten.

McCain promised in his concession speech to support Obama. "I pledge tonight to do all in my power to help [Obama] lead us through the many challenges we face," he said in his speech. He also urged his supporters to put aside their differences and support Obama as president. "It's natural to feel some disappointment, but tomorrow we must move beyond it and work together to get our country moving again."

Moving words from a man who fought hard through the primary, and was considered politically dead just a year ago as far as the presidential campaign was concerned. Grudging concession speeches are so often the norm, it was refreshing to hear McCain urging his supporters to recognize his rival as their president.

Obama's speech, however, blew all other events away. Even the highest expectations were exceeded. Obama has always been a gifted public speaker, but his performance Tuesday night defies description. He also urged caution and warned of the long road ahead. "What began 21 months ago in the depths of winter cannot end on this autumn night."

He also reached out to the McCain supporters he knows he needs. Fifty-five million Americans did not support Obama. Some of them fought avidly against him. Obama has a lot of support in his quest for hope and change, a Democratic Congress being the most tangible. The Senate still stands, at press time, with 56 Democratic senators, which is not enough for filibuster. Even if that magic number 60 was reached, using such power would be inadvisable.

Obama has already begun to reach out to the other side, standing by McCain to push for a united America. He needs, at almost all costs, to stand by this message. The failures of the Bush administration did not start with the Iraq war. They started in 2000 and again in 2004 when Al Gore and John Kerry supporters were pushed aside, swept under the rug. No administration can successfully begin that way.

If Americans feel Obama has their interests at heart, if they really can forget their doubts and all the petty tactics of the campaign and rally around his message, then there will be nothing Obama cannot accomplish. Americans have another choice before them. Will they cling to cynicism and discrimination, depression and bitterness, or will they support their new president?

The stakes aren't high. All we have to lose is our future, our security and each other.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Music students, where were you? Class came to Maryville Monday evening in the guise of six tuxedo-clad musicians, a hosaphone trio (you'll have to ask someone who attended), and outstanding classical/pop music arrangements. NWM's Encore performing arts series hosted Mac Frampton and the Threepenny Symphony in an evening of great entertainment. These showmen transformed the Performing Arts Center to an intimate lounge show

and a big city music hall, depending on the tenor of the music. They sent the audience home smiling. The negative for the evening was the empty seats and the absence of the Northwest music students (where were you?)—each of you would have benefited from this event. Community: consider season tickets, it's a value for your entertainment dollars.

Jessica Loch  
Maryville

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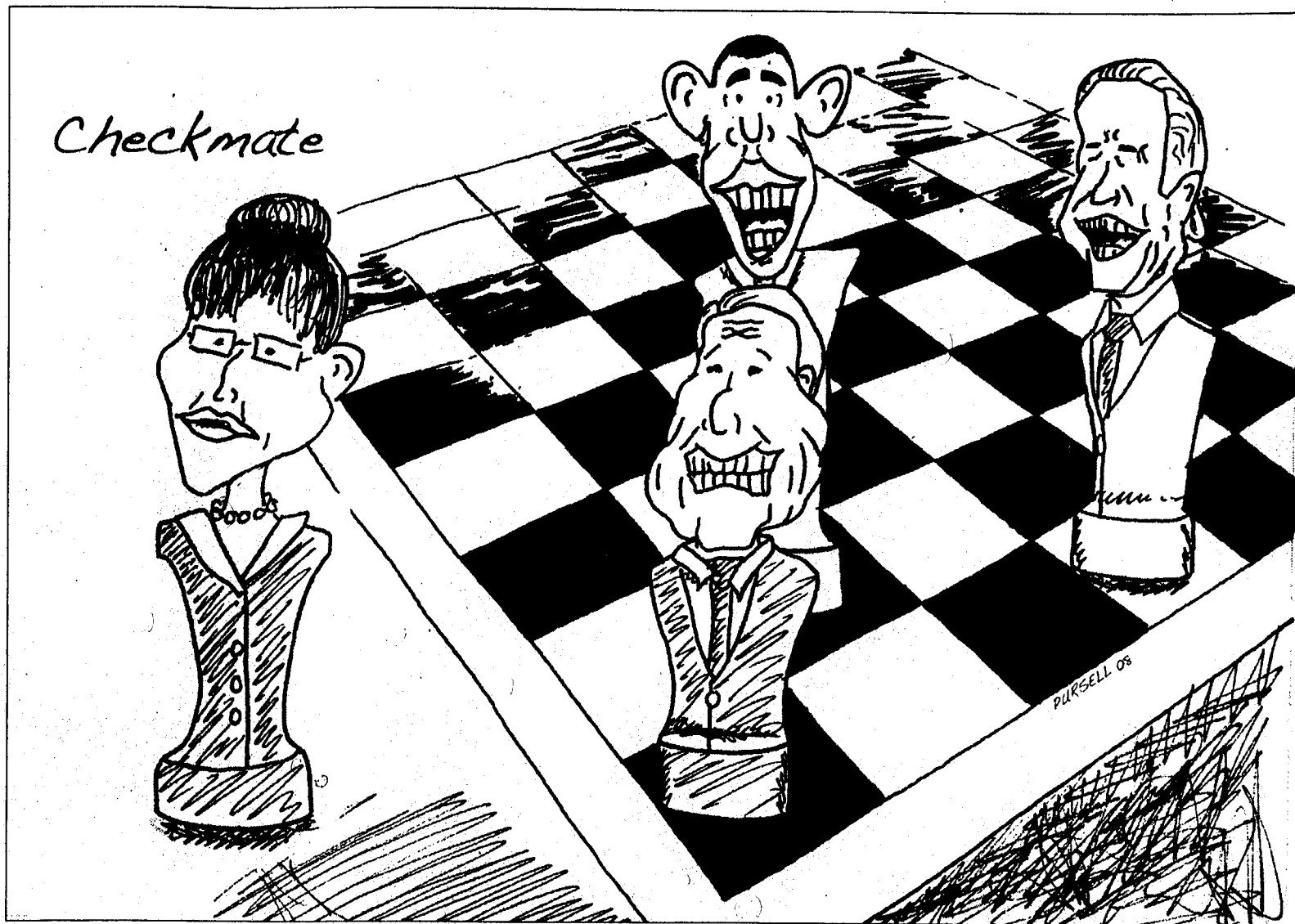
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# OPINION



MY VIEW

## Obama's victory opens doors for black Americans

By Robert Wallace  
Missourian Columnist

I feel it is my duty to express as a black male my pride in having witnessed, with my daughters, the electing of the 44th president of the United States the first black president.

The morning after I found out, I pulled my three girls into the kitchen before sending them off to school and explained to them they were watching history being made.

MY VIEW

## Peace efforts in Israeli-Palestinian conflict step up, but will take time

Israel has once again been brought to the attention of the international community with news of setbacks as well as improvements.

Headlines read that Gaza hosted a recent clash between Hamas and Israel, the first since the June-declared truce. But what I feel to be more important along the lines of development is the welcomed news, and perhaps a prelude to peace, with the decision to stop funding, both direct and indirect, by the Israeli government of settlements within the West Bank.

Before I get too carried away here, let's take a step back to review the history, although a severely watered-down version that by no means does full justice to the situation, of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Palestine was part of the Ottoman Empire during the late 19th century, and remained so until World War I, when the McMahon letters, from 1915-1916, promised Arab independence, either by establishing a separate Palestinian state or by the merger of the Palestinian territory into neighboring Arab nations, if the Arabs revolted against the Ottoman Empire. This

contributed to the successful outcome of the forces in World War I, and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

However, contrary to this promise, the British promised the French that Palestine would remain under European rule, and the Balfour Declaration establishes a national home for the Jewish people, giving the Zionist movement status and legitimacy. This is followed by the large increase in Jewish immigration into Palestinian land.

Due to the large confrontation in this area, the British called an end to the mandate period, and turns the land over to the United Nations, which in turn introduced the Partition Plan. Jerusalem was to go to neither side, and instead be set as international territory. Due to the little amount of land to be offered to Palestine, along with the lack of agricultural land and seaport access, the Palestinians rejected this plan.

In 1948, Israel declared independence, which was followed by several wars between neighboring Arab nation and Israel over the believed injustice to the Palestinian people. Egypt, the backbone in the Arab front, signs a peace treaty in 1979 with Israel, and this is when the Arab movement loses most of its power, and allows for some relief of confrontation, although obviously not completely.

Due to European meddling in Middle Eastern, most notably during the time period in and around World War I, both sides of this conflict have been severely injured, the Palestinians as well as the Israelis. Regardless of which "side"

people feel more compelled to follow, I think it is safe to say that both have been hurt, directly and indirectly.

Following the setbacks in peace after the 1979 peace agreement, several paths have been taken to procure peace within this area, successful and unsuccessful. Two major ones include the recognition of Israel as a legitimate state by the PLO, and the recognition of the PLO as a legitimate authority by Israel, as well as the defensive wall in the West Bank in response to the suicide attacks carried out by radical Palestinians.

However, most recently, after the Annapolis talks sponsored by President Bush in 2007, is the Israeli government's step toward peace -- the halting of funding to 100 unauthorized settlements in the West Bank. Although this does not entirely alleviate the pressure on the two-state vision, and does not deal with the internationally condemned separation wall in the West Bank, it does take a small step, but a step nonetheless, toward the second area concerning peace in this region -- the settlements.

I feel that after the United States sees a new president take office, and after the February elections in Israel, we will see an increased effort toward the process of peace. But we must keep in mind that the path to peace is slow, and requires a great deal of time, energy and resources from all sides of the spectrum.



Kathleen Wilmes  
Contributing Columnist

CAMPUS TALK

## What's your take on the presidential election results?



"I was very satisfied with the results last night. (Obama's) speech was promising, but I am still hesitant because everyone says promising things."

Timothy Skayton  
Journalism



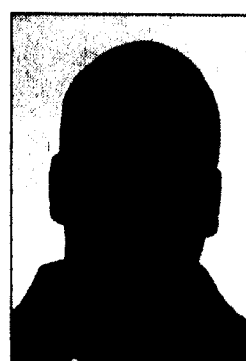
"I was thrilled and was celebrating last night. (Obama's) speech gave me goosebumps."

Shaun Day  
Deciding



"I didn't know much about it, but I felt like other people just jumped on the bandwagon."

Rachel Nisi  
Pre Professional Zoology



"I think that people were more about making history than about the politics."

E.J. Hopkins  
Sociology



"I watched the results and didn't care. I didn't vote because I am registered back home. If I were to vote it would have been for McCain."

Thomas Meyer  
Physical Education

PUBLIC SAFETY

Oct. 7  
Recovered property, bicycle, 200 block of N. Main

Oct. 9  
Hannah C. Vanroekel, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, possession of another drivers license, illegal turn, 400 block of N. Main

Oct. 11  
Bradley K. Porter, 24, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 1600 block of S. Main

Peter J. Trujillo, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, failure to comply, 500 block of W. Fourth

Oct. 12  
David D. James, 23, King City, Mo., resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, failure to comply, 300 block of N. Market

Oct. 14  
Frankie A. Rodrigues, 20, Farrell L. Horton, 26, St. Joseph, Mo., contempt of court, 400 block of N. Market

Samaysia R. McKinzy, 17, St. Joseph, Mo., contempt of court, 400 block of N. Market

Alyssa N. Carmichael, 19, Maryville, contempt of court, 400 block of N. Market

Oct. 15  
Kenton C. Summa, 46, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right

half of roadway, U.S. Highway 136 East

Christopher J. Baughman, 18, Maryville, Chance D. Nowling, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, permitting a peace disturbance, 200 block of N. Main

Matthew A. Pelaa, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 200 block of N. Main

Kristin A. Evans, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 400 block of N. Buchanan

Joshua K. Lundy, 21, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 200 block of N. Main

Rachel A. Nelson, 30, Guilford, Mo., wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 400 block of N. Laura

Robert E. Wallace, Jr., 28, Maryville, wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market

Oct. 16  
Anthony K. Peeler, 28, Kansas City, Mo., driving while intoxicated, driving without a valid drivers license, speeding, 400 block of E. Seventh

Matthew W. Hull, 19, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to obey posted stop, driving without a valid drivers license, 600 block of N. Fillmore

Falisha D. Haynes, 19, Lee's Summit, Mo., minor in possession,

equipment violation, 300 block of E. Fifth

Michael D. Clark, 21, Lee's Summit, Mo., open container in a motor vehicle, 300 block of E. Fifth

Oct. 17  
Alicia R. Ferguson, 21, St. Joseph, Mo., driving while intoxicated, equipment violation, 100 block N. Vine

Michael R. L. Mabion, 24, St. Joseph, Mo., driving while intoxicated, driving while revoked, equipment violation, 600 block of W. Fourth

Phillip D.G. Chea, 20, St. Joseph, Mo., minor in possession, failure to comply, U.S. Highway 71 South

Recovered property, bicycle, 500 block of N. Davis

Casey R. Tyler, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Britton E. Tolbert, 20, Kansas City, Mo., driving without a valid driver's license, equipment violation, 300 block of N. Market

Amanda L. Mullen, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, false information to a public safety officer, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 300 block of W. First

Oct. 18  
Nicholas R. Wright, 18,

Maryville, minor in possession, resisting arrest, failure to comply, 700 block of N. Walnut

Tyler J. Andachter, 19, Sugar Creek, Mo., minor in possession, 1000 block of N. Walnut

Drew M. Simons, 21, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, careless and imprudent driving, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Erik D. Hergins, 19, Maryville, driving without a valid driver's license, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 200 block of W. Fifth

Jordanne J. Batten, 18, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 200 block of S. Fillmore

Chase M. Bryan, 19, Glenwood, Iowa, minor in possession, 200 block of S. Fillmore

Gregory W. Polley, 18, Ridge-way, Mo., minor in possession, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Jennifer L. Hunt, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 700 block of N. Walnut

Ashley M. Conner, -19, Maryville, minor in possession, 700 block of N. Walnut

Shaw C. Hornick, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of W. Fourth

Michael L. Deshon, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of W. Fourth

Oct. 19  
Curtis A. Wheeler, 21, Tarkio, Mo., failure to comply, resisting arrest, 200 block of W. Fifth

Jacob T. Swisegood, 19, Maryville, assault on a public safety officer, 600 block of N. Walnut

Kyle C. Nixdorf, 20, Maryville, assault on a public safety officer, failure to comply, 600 block of N. Walnut

Benjamin G. Westcott, 21, Columbia, Mo., resisting arrest, indecent exposure, 300 block of W. Fourth

Assault, ongoing investigation, 300 block of W. 12th

Fredrick E. Bromley, 41, St. Joseph, Mo., wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market

Lisa A. Ruehter, 41, Barnard, Mo., sale of alcohol to a minor, 1200 block of S. Main

Carri A. Harris, 21, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 700 block of E. Third

Oct. 22  
Burglary, ongoing investigation, 2100 block of S. Main

Oct. 24  
Eric K. Carlin, 19, Omaha, Neb., minor in possession, possession of a fictitious license, failure to display lighted headlights, 700 block of S. Main

## REACTION:

### Obama, McCain speeches seen as each's best

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She joked about the third graders in Wasilla, Alaska aiding in her concession speech and speaking to the crowd without the "liberal mainstream media, to real Americans."

After Obama was announced as the president, Sen. John McCain live concession speech aired, the cheering stopped and all attention turned to the big screen once again.

"We fought, and although we fell short, the failure was mine, not yours," he said.

After McCain said his final words, applause could be heard from the audience.

Richard Fulton, history, humanities, philosophy and political science professor thought McCain's concession speech was one of his better speeches and felt McCain did a good job of backing the new president to solve the nation's problems, he said.

Fulton watched Obama's acceptance speech and predicts the president-elect tried to convey the time factor to make the changes he promised.

"He's trying to dampen down the expectations of the large numbers of people who are really enthusiastic about his presidency, and that's going to be important for him," Fulton said.

(Lindsay Jacobs contributed to this report.)

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# Meyers meets Maryville

By Rachel Fair  
Missourian Reporter

While most were out at Carson's watching election coverage, about 440 others were at the Performing Arts Center, laughing off their anxiety from the near-ending elections.

Seth Meyers, one of Saturday Night Live's "Weekend Update" anchors, helped break the tension by cracking jokes about the elections, college, and some of his own life experiences.

Among Tuesday night's laughs, Meyers spoke highly of both political parties; joking about the Obama text messaging services at 3 a.m., as well as what it was like to work alongside Sarah Palin a few weeks ago on *SNL*. Palin's next job should be to single-handedly go after Bin Laden, Meyers said. He also gave some behind-the-scenes from *SNL*, by reading inappropriate jokes that weren't allowed to be aired on *Weekend Update*.

Other jokes Meyers told were just as hilarious, such as Booty-Ebay, when you buy things online late at night, then wake up the next day wondering what you did, which resulted in him breaking out into a song he called "My Dad bought a firetruck on Ebay," after asking the audience some of the crazy things they have ever purchased on Ebay. Tiffany Fry, an elementary education major, said she enjoyed how

interactive he was with the audience. Meyers played with the audience by handing out his "variety of drinks" he requested during his time at Northwest. Usually when a talent asks for a "variety of drinks" they receive Coke, Diet Coke and water, but not Northwest — instead he was given a Capri Sun, Dr. Thunder, Propel Fitness Water in Kiwi-Strawberry, "...tastes like someone placed a kiwi and a strawberry into a bathtub full of water, waited a couple of days, then ladled it into this bottle." Said Meyers, Mountain Lightning, and last but not least, Mountain Dew, "the champagne of Mountain drinks."

Meyers spoke until 9 p.m. Tuesday, then stayed after to sign autographs and take pictures for some of the students. Assistant Director of Campus Activities, Candace Wolf said he was there for about another hour.

Melissa Morkus, Student Activities Council Entertainment Chair, explained that even though they lost a lot of the audience due to it being election night, they were still amazed by the "good turnout." Freshman Joe Barbosa, a social science education major, found nothing wrong with the comedian performing on the same night as the elections. "I thought it was a nice distraction from the circus we call politics," said Barbosa. "Stars of [Meyers'] caliber is sweet in Maryville."

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE" writer and weekend update anchor Seth Meyers performs to a crowd of 440 Tuesday night at the Performing Arts Center. With the presidency on the line and many glued to election coverage, some chose the alternative source of entertainment attending a performance sponsored by Student Activities Council.

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### NW FOOTBALL

## Lions stand in way of out-right MIAA championship

By Marcus Meade  
Sports Editor

This Saturday, the Bearcat football seniors have a chance to do something unprecedented in Northwest's football history — go three years without a conference loss.

Standing in their way is a Missouri Southern team that's fallen on hard times. "They lost a few good players last

year that were seniors," head coach Mel Tjeerdma said. "They've had some injuries, which I think is probably the most significant thing, some injuries on their offensive line. And at this point, their quarterback hasn't played as well as he had in the past. I think that's kind of hurt them."

The Lions, a team that showed improvement last year, next to last in the MIAA with a 2-6 conference record and eighth in points per game with 21.7. Last week, Missouri

Southern suffered its third loss in a row to Truman 38-7.

But Northwest won't take pity on the Lions. They're set on coming away with an out right conference title and a chance at a first round bye, senior long snapper Cody Lanus said.

Lanus, a four-year starter for the 'Cats, expects his team to come out ready to play, focusing on keeping the momentum they've built so far this season.

"As far as Southern goes, we need to just go out and treat every practice like it's our first and last practice," Lanus said. "Missouri Southern can't beat us; Northwest can beat us this week."

Echoing Lanus' confidence, senior kicker Tommy Frevert said the 'Cats are focusing on their game instead of what Missouri Southern might do.

The Lions may have a special insight

See LIONS on B2



FRESHMAN RECEIVER JAKE Soy hauls in a 21 yard pass during the first quarter of Saturday's blow-out victory over Emporia.

photo by sally cook  
chief photographer

### NW CROSS COUNTRY

## Regional give team chance at redemption

By Jason Lawrence  
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest cross country team is looking to make a comeback following a pair of eighth place finishes at the MIAA Championships.

"We need to make the race happen," graduate assistant Matt Pohlen said, "not hope for the race to happen."

The "race" Pohlen referred to is the NCAA South Central Regional meet.

Assistant Coach Tessa Koschel said she was looking for mental improvements this weekend in San Antonio.

"The physical aspects are there," Koschel said. "They've worked their butts off for the whole season. They've just got to put their minds to it and do it."

Having a week off between meets has also been beneficial and should allow the team to be in top form, junior All-MIAA performer Trevor Johannsen said.

"It helps us to get rested and everything," Johannsen said. "At the end of the season, we're not running as hard for workouts, so our legs are fresh and we're just ready to go."

Koschel and Johannsen expect the weather to work in their favor on Saturday. Not going from cold to hot should be beneficial and it's supposed to be 78 degrees in San Antonio, Koschel said.

The top seven runners from both teams are expected to compete in regionals and Johannsen hopes the team can beat conference teams that they didn't at the conference meet.

"We're really focused now; we were really disappointed with the eighth place finish," Johannsen said. "We're definitely coming back with a vengeance. Everybody's going to be really focused for this last race."

Koschel thought it was actually good for the team to finish eighth at Conference. They really needed a race like that to motivate them and spur them into action, she said. She has high expectations for both teams at the upcoming meet.

"I expect our seniors to step up and run how they need to run. I expect our Top 5 runners to run the way we know and they know they can," Koschel said. "I expect our women to be fearless and, well both teams really, know that have put in the work and know how good they are and unleash it. Just let it go."

The team has done great things this season and is just starting to reach its potential, Koschel said.

The Bearcats will need to show that potential this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to see runners move on to the NCAA Championships Nov. 22.

### PROFILE



220  
Total points scored by Mattson and Farmer

61.3%  
Percentage of points from Mattson and Farmer

359  
Total points scored by the Spoofhounds

**Mattson and Farmer**  
Total all purpose 3,185  
Total offense 2,663

**'Hounds**  
Total all purpose 4,798  
Total offense 3,978

# READY TO RUN

## Duo puts up big numbers using combination of speed and power

By Christopher Woodland  
Community Sports Editor

Throughout history, dynamic duos have propelled themselves and those around them to greatness. Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen led the Bulls to six NBA titles in the '90s. Joe Montana and Bill Walsh created a dynasty in San Francisco and where would Guns-n-Roses have been without Axl Rose and Slash?

The Maryville Spoofhounds now have their own terrific tandem. Senior running backs John Farmer and Adam Mattson, along with 18 other seniors, torched defenses on their way to leading Maryville to its first district title since 2004.

As of press time Wednesday, Farmer and Mattson had accounted for more than two-thirds of Maryville's total yardage output. They accumulated 3,185 all-purpose yards this season.

They also accounted for nearly two-thirds of Maryville's points by scoring 220 of the team's 359 cumulative points.

The tandem has scored in about every possible way. Farmer averages 13.7 yards per carry this season with 12 touchdowns. He has also turned three receptions into touchdowns, returned a punt for a touchdown and ran a kickoff back 90 yards for a score to jump-start the 'Hounds when they were down 14-0 to Chillicothe.

Mattson on the other hand, averages 8.7 yards per carry with 13 rushing touchdowns, 23 extra points, a 25-yard field goal and has thrown for a touchdown.

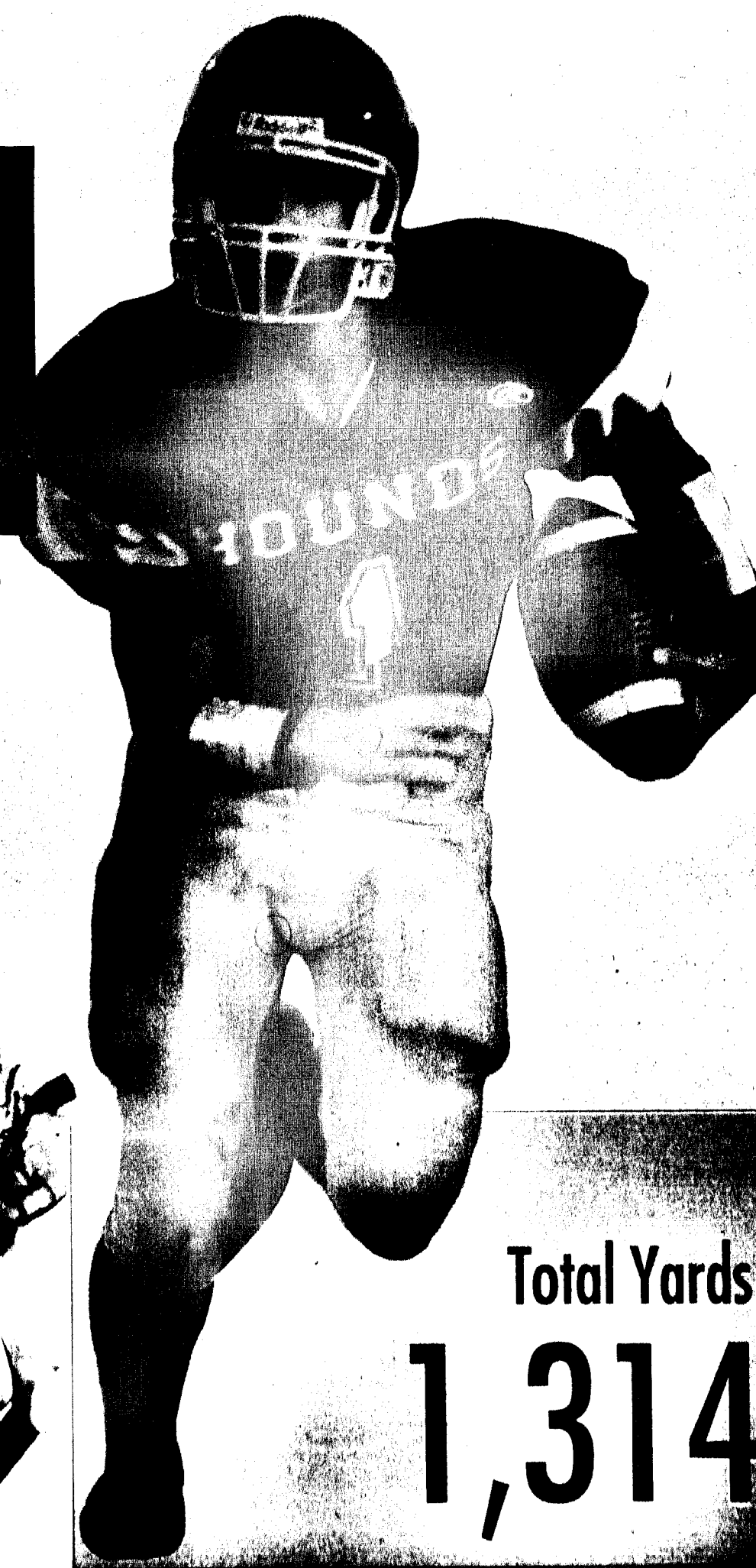
Don't expect Farmer to start throwing touchdowns passes anytime soon though.

"We have a play, but we haven't ran it yet," Farmer said. "I'm not really the passing type."

Mattson also broke the Maryville career rushing record with 2,418 yards at the end of the regular season.

Mattson entered the season as the clear No. 1 running back for the 'Hounds after rushing for a single-season school record 1,257 yards and earning All-State honors in 2007. He has also earned All-MEC recognition every year since his freshman year.

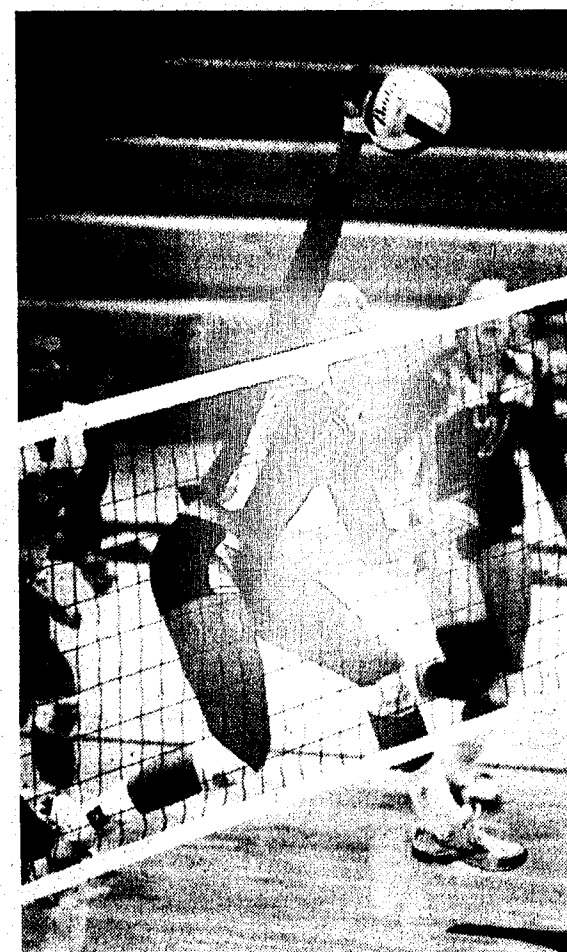
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Total Yards  
**1,314**



VOLLEYBALL



SOPHOMORE MIDDLE HITTER Amber Ryan gets a kill in the third set of the Bearcats' match. Ryan had 23 kills in Saturday's win over Southwest Baptist.

## Senior sent off with win

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

All hope looked lost at sending the Northwest volleyball team's one senior home with a win on senior night.

Northwest dropped the first two sets of the match to Southwest Baptist and entered the third set needing a win to keep the match alive. The 'Cats not only won the third set but avoided a loss by winning the fourth and fifth set as well.

"We felt good, especially with it being senior night," head coach Anna Tool said. "You know, you want to win for yourself, but it's also nice to win for that senior. It felt good to be on the winning side of a five game match."

Senior Amy Bohnker didn't just get a win on her senior night; she played well across the board bringing in six kills, four assists, a pair of aces, 17 digs and four blocks. Bohnker also tallied a season-high 10 points in Saturday's match-up.

"It meant a lot," Bohnker said. "It was fun to go out and play and have all the girls playing behind me."

I can't do it by myself. I went out and did what I needed to do and everyone else played behind me."

Bohner wasn't the only 'Cat who brought in season high stats on Saturday night. Sophomore Katie Swenson added a season-high 58 assists. Along with her assists, Swenson brought in 12 digs, helping her reach her 11th double-double of the season and 26th of her career.

"I really just felt like I was clicking with all the hitters towards the end there," Swenson said.

Although Swenson is the team leader in assists, the match against Southwest Baptist marked the first time she saw playing time since Oct. 21, five matches ago.

Swenson was joined by her high school teammate, junior Rachel Nisi, who sat the bench for three consecutive matches.

"They had been out, because they got beat out," Tool said. "It really wasn't a matter of they did something wrong. It was just that some other players were performing some elements of the game stronger and better and the only reason they were on

the floor Saturday night was because those people opened the door back up for them."

Tool said with the high level of play Swenson put forth Saturday night that "she will have the nod tomorrow (Wednesday), but it's a matter of can she sustain some consistency."

The 'Cats hosted Nebraska-Omaha Wednesday night. The results of the match were unavailable at press time. The Mavericks already beat Northwest once this season in three straight sets.

After the home match against Nebraska-Omaha, the 'Cats travel to Warrensburg, Mo. for their match up against No. 14 Central Missouri Friday night.

Tool said she expects to see a level of scrappiness from Central Missouri that makes them tough to beat. She thinks for the 'Cats, who are 0-8 against ranked opponents, to pull off an upset, it is going to take "persistence and relentlessness."

"We're all going to have to come to play," Swenson said. "It can't just be five out of six people on the court ready to play. It's got to be everyone

# BEARCATS

## SCORE BY QUARTER

(4-6)	0	0	0	7	—	7
(9-1)	21	21	0	14	—	56

## TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Emporia
562	Total yards 184
76	Total plays 64
302	Rushing yards 76
49	Rushing attempts 28
1-1	Fumbles-lost 3-2
260	Passing yards 108
27	Passing attempts 36
2-8	Sacks-yards 1-4
20-27-0	Comp.-Att.-Int. 19-36-1
2-108	Punts-yards 8-323
7-4	Off. yards per play 2.9
30	First Downs 12
5-45	Penalties-yards 5-49
2-29	Int.-yards 1-35
7 of 12	Third downs 6 of 17
2 of 3	Fourth Downs 1 of 2

SOCCER

## Team setting records during final games

By Dustin Sander  
Assistant Sports Editor

Northwest soccer fell to Missouri Southern in double overtime on Saturday in Joplin.

The Bearcats led the game 1-0 until the 88th minute of play. The 'Cats committed a penalty in the keeper's box to give Southern a penalty kick which tied the game and sent it into overtime.

"When you're up 1-0 and there's two minutes left to go, it's kind of a sweet spot and then a panic mode," coach Tracy Hoza said. "We defended hard and got a tough call in the pen-

alty box."

The 'Cats and the Lions battled through the first overtime with no goals scored, forcing a second overtime. In the second overtime, the Lions scored to end the game 2-1 in sudden death.

"They scored off of a free kick and it hit the player and went in, it was a crappy goal," junior forward Andrea Tritz said.

Hoza said the game had a disappointing result, but the game was not disappointing at all.

"Their effort was tremendous, they played great soccer," Hoza said. "They attacked well and we

out-shot the other team. The soccer was great."

This season has been a record breaking season for Northwest soccer. The 'Cats have the possibility to finish the season over 500 for the first time in school history.

Individually, Tritz tied the record for goals scored by an individual Saturday by scoring her eighth goal of the season.

"It's nice to see that we're accomplishing something," Tritz said. "We keep breaking records on the team."

The 'Cats take on Central Missouri at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bearcat Pitch.

## LIONS: Bye week a possibility

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into what the 'Cats hope to do Saturday since their head coach is former Northwest offensive coordinator Bart Tatum.

"He's a great recruiter, a very knowledgeable football coach," Tjeerdsmas said. "He's very competitive. I'm sure that's killing him this year. It's hard to lose. So, he's going to have them ready to play and do everything they can to win that football game."

That means Tjeerdsmas isn't treating this week like a sure thing.

He's preparing his team for a tough contest with the hopes that a win can produce a first-round bye, which Tjeerdsmas said could help his team.

"It helps your injury situation, gives you a chance to heal up a little bit," Tjeerdsmas said. "I think it's good from a psychological standpoint. We've gone for 11 weeks in a row, really 14 weeks in a row since fall camp started, with something looming right there every week. It's kind of nice to be able to put that aside for a week and relax a little bit."

Some of the injuries Northwest has worked through lately include a knee injury to All-American left tackle Reid Kirby, a shoulder injury to safety Aldwin Foster-Rettig and an achilles tendon injury to defensive tackle Shayne Shade. Kirby and Foster-Rettig are expected to play this weekend while Shade remains a question mark.

The 'Cats played well last week despite their injuries, and Tjeerdsmas wants to see his team continue the success they showed against Emporia. The 'Cats jumped on the Hornets early, taking a 42-0 lead in the first half and pulling their starters before halftime.

"We need to go there and build on what we've done," Tjeerdsmas said. "We felt like we really had a very good game Saturday, played very well on both sides of the ball as well as special team. We want to continue that. That's really important for us as we advance into the playoffs."

Northwest gets the chance to build on its success so far and cap off a third undefeated conference season in a row at 2 p.m. Saturday in Joplin, Mo.

# SPOOFHOUNDS

SOCCER

## No. 1 seed topples team in districts

By Taylor Flora  
Missourian Reporter

After losing 12 seniors from last year's team, the young Spoofhound boys' soccer team fell short of a district title losing to No. 1 seed St. Pius.

Coming into the season with such a young team with very little varsity experience, Collins and his coaching staff didn't know what to expect for the 2008 season. The team finished 15-9 on the season.

"Our season turned out a lot better than we originally expected," Dexter Barmann said. "We have a lot to build on and be a successful team for many years to come."

In the first round of district play, the team faced a very familiar LeBlond team, which they had beaten twice already this season. LeBlond played well defensively and had 30 saves from their keeper, but Dan Steiner was able to find the back of the net with a header in the 20th minute, and the 'Hounds won 1-0.

Next, the 'Hounds faced St. Pius in the quarterfinals. The 'Hounds

played well in the first half Collins said, but were down 2-0 going into the locker room. Starting Goalie Christian Falcone played the first half but re-injured his knee, still managing 20 saves. In the second half, the boys had trouble with miss communication and ran out of gas, Collins said and lost 7-1. The 'Hound goal was scored by Calvin Talmadge and assisted by Jon Rogers in the 52nd min.

"The boy's played hard and extremely well," Collins said. "We're really proud of them, and they left it all out on the field."

Over the off-season, the team will need to work on team chemistry, personal play and passing, Ryan Vandivert said. The team will address these issues during summer camps. With such a young team Collins and his returning players are looking forward to the upside of next season.

"We are very excited for next year's team," Collins said. "We have a lot of players that contributed this year and a lot of experience coming back next year."



CHRIS HOLTMAN HELPED the young Spoofhound soccer team reach heights that surprised coach Stuart Collins. The 'Hounds fell to No. 1 seed St. Pius during district play, but hope the experience gained this season will pay dividends next year.

## DUO: Mattson, Farmer make most of senior season

Continued from B1

Head coach Chris Holt expected Farmer to contribute as the No. 2 back in the 'Hounds' wing-based offense. He couldn't foresee the duoterrorizing opponents they way they have.

"We thought (Farmer) was going to produce for us, but I don't know that we anticipated quite as much as he has," Holt said.

The emergence of Farmer as a threat has made life easier for Mattson this season.

Mattson is quick to acknowledge the attributes of his partner and also mention a third senior running back that generally doesn't receive as much attention as Mattson and Farmer.

"It's nice having another running

back, that way defenses can't just key on one guy," Mattson said. "I mean we've got (Wyatt) Maudlin back there too so you never know where the ball is going to be."

Farmer and Mattson seem to bring a different element to the offense, and pose a different sort of threat for defenses to worry about.

"Matty's a tough runner, and Farmer's just got the raw speed," senior safety John Schreck. "It's a good combination to have them both on the field for us."

As different as their running styles are, both backs prefer to lead by example and let their teammates do most of the talking while getting the team fired up before games.

"Those two are not the vocal leaders on the team," Holt said. "Our vocal leaders are Jazzy (Joe Jasinski), (Zach) Sherry and (Spencer) Twaddle. Farmer and Mattson are both the quiet type of kids."

Mattson and Farmer contributed beyond just the offensive side of the ball.

When senior defensive back Derek Johns injured his leg in the pre-season jamboree, Farmer filled the void in the secondary until Johns returned eight weeks later. Mattson has also routinely made plays on defense.

With the offense struggling to produce points against South Harrison, Mattson returned a blocked punt for a touchdown to break a 0-0 tie. Later in that same game, Mattson leveled Bulldog quarterback

T.J. Heitz to force a bad pass that was intercepted by junior nose tackle Jason Davis and set-up another Spoofhound touchdown.

Defensively, Mattson has 19.5 tackles with three for losses, and Farmer has totaled 11.5 tackles and broken up six passes.

Losing the explosiveness of Farmer, Mattson and the 18 other seniors on this year's roster is going to be a challenge for the coaching staff at the season's end.

"It's going to be tough," Holt said. "It's going to be like scene off 'Friday Night Lights' at the end where they're pulling the names off the board and putting new ones up. But that's just part of coaching."

VOLLEYBALL

## Girls fall short in district play, end 21-win season

By Jesse Murphy  
Missourian Reporter

Despite a winning season, Maryville volleyball fell one game short of a district championship.

After a successful regular season, the Spoofhounds advanced to the district tournament and ended up in second place. Bishop LeBlond took first.

Though the season is over, coach Lori Klaus feels gratified and excited for next year.

"When we went to districts, the girls had heart," Klaus said. "I know that they always come out to play."

There were only three seniors on this year's team, Samantha McGinness, Randi Tobin and Kayla Carmichael.

Klaus said they will be missed, but she can take comfort in the fact that she had 11 juniors this year that will hopefully return.

The experience among the team has continued to build throughout the season, Klaus said.

"At first we had a little trouble serving," Klaus said. "But as the year went on, we worked on it and by the end, missed serves were rare."

The 'Hounds finished 21-9-1. The ladies won their only home tournament and defeated



photo by valley spelling | photography with JUNIOR MIDDLE BLOCKER Jordan Stiens aided the 'Hounds to a 21-win season. The 'Hounds finished up last Thursday.

Benton in an away game on the Cardinals' Senior Night.

Individual awards were handed out to some of the girls. Junior Leah Bostwick and McGinness were both on the first-team all-conference. Tobin and junior Libbey Howell were given honorable mention.

For all-district, Bostwick, McGinness and junior Jordan Stiens were placed on the first team. McGinness and Howell also made all-region team.

Klaus and her team can look back on a successful season. With an experienced team ready for next year, Klaus plans to spend the off-season running scrimmages and making sure the girls continue playing together and building as a team.

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**NORTHWEST ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

**Kendall Wright**  
Wright had four receptions for 57 yards and a touchdown during Senior Day against Emporia. He also registered the first rushing touchdown of his career on a 13-yard reverse. The 'Cats handled the Hornets 56-7.

**Joel Osborn**  
Osborn shined during his one half of play Saturday. In only two quarters, he went 10 of 16 for 152 yards and two touchdowns. Osborn was able to give way to backup Blake Bolles after the 'Cats took a 42-0 lead.

**Andrea Tritz**  
Tritz tied the Northwest record for goals scored in one season at eight at Saturday's game against Missouri Southern. Tritz also recently sent the record for the fastest goal scored in Northwest history less than two minutes into the game.

**Amy Bohnker**  
As the only Bearcat volleyball player, Bohnker shined on Senior Night, collecting six digs, four assists, 17 digs and four blocks against Southwest Baptist. The 'Cats came from behind to beat Baptist 3-2.

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## Hold on Chiefs fans; there's hope on the horizon

The Chiefs may be having the worst season in franchise history, but Chiefs fans shouldn't hang their heads just yet. Everyone says the Chiefs are young, so it shows promise for the future. Just being young doesn't mean the Chiefs will be good in the future. For every first round draft pick that has gone onto be a pro-bowler, there are just as many or more who have never started a down in an NFL game.

Here are five reasons the Chiefs will return to the top of the AFC west and find their way back into the Super



Dustin Sander  
Asst. Sports Editor

**Young secondary shows change**  
The Chiefs' young secondary will soon be one of the best in the league. I know they are 28th in the league in pass defense right now. At both corner positions, the Chiefs are starting two rookies and the safeties are just in their third year pro. This past Sunday against the Buccaneers, the Chiefs' secondary shut down Jeff Garcia until corner back Brandon Flowers was hurt in the third quarter and Garcia took advantage of another rookie at corner.

**Brandon Albert = Willie Roaf**  
The Chiefs also have a very young offensive line. I've heard for my entire life from football coaches and ESPN analysts the game is won or lost at the line of scrimmage and I completely agree. Albert was the 15th pick in the 2008 draft and after game eight and he has proved to me that he has what it takes to be the anchor of the Chiefs line at left tackle.

**Creating more youth**  
The 2009 draft is also a huge key to the Chiefs' success. The way the Red and Gold is playing right now, they will end up with another top five pick. If I learned anything from the draft last season, it's that the front office at Arrowhead takes the draft seriously. Last year the Chiefs' draft was one of

the best team drafts I have seen for as long as I have followed football.

**Valuable Trade Bait**  
Johnson has proven to be a drain on the organization over the last few seasons. He is now suspended and just costing the team money and giving the team and city nothing in return. With the play of Kolby Smith and Jamaal Charles in the back field, Johnson is no longer vital to the Chiefs success. Johnson is still thought of as great running back and could be great bait for a trade and possibly high draft picks. Also, with Tony Gonzalez wanting to be traded, more draft picks could be coming the Chiefs' way.

**It could be worse**  
My last point is at least Al Davis isn't running the show.

## WHAT TO WATCH

### Marc's TV picks

**Saturday**  
• Penn St. at Iowa, ABC, 2:30 p.m. — Iowa has surprised some people this year, and Penn. State is playing out of their mind right now. I'm rooting for Joe Pa.

Days rating (3 of 5)

### Sunday

• Tennessee at Chicago, noon, CBS — Here are two teams that know how to play some defense.

Days rating (3 of 5)

### Brian's TV picks

**Saturday**  
• Tommy Boy, Comedy Central, 9 p.m. — One of the greatest comedies of all time. "Richard, who's your favorite little rascal? Alfalfa or is it Spanky?"

Days rating (4 of 5)

### Sunday

• Giants at Eagles, WOVW, 7:15 p.m. — This should definitely be a battle of the NFC East.

Days rating (5 of 5)

### Woody's TV picks

**Saturday**  
• Alabama at LSU, CBS, 2:30 p.m. — This should be another tough SEC battle. LSU could very well upset the Tide in Death Valley.

Days rating (5 of 5)

### Sunday

• Colt at Steelers, CBS, 3 p.m. — I really love the chances of seeing the Steelers defense tearing pretty-boy Peyton Manning apart. If only Eli could play wide out for Indy.

Days rating (4 of 5)

### Dustin's TV picks

**Saturday**  
• Oklahoma State at Texas Tech, ABC, 7:00 p.m. — I'm ready for this game. I know it will be great and another instant classic from the Big 12 this year.

Days rating (5 of 5)

### Sunday

• Chiefs at Chargers, CBS, 3:15 p.m. — Hey! The Chiefs had a great first half of football last week maybe now they could put two together.

Days rating (4 of 5)

## SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

### Marc's picks

**Prediction record (22-18)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Illinois at W. Michigan — Illinois Juice Williams can really make things happen with his legs, and against a Western Michigan team that can't match up athletically, he should run wild.

### NCAA Upset

Georgia Tech at N. Carolina — GT That Georgia Tech team with it's triple option attack reminds me of the Nebraska attack of the '90s — you know, the good teams. The Yellow Jackets play a physical brand of football, and they're well coached. Butch Davis, the Tar Heels coach, can really recruit, but that's about it.

### NFL Lock

Baltimore at Houston — Baltimore Baltimore's only a one-point favorite in this game. That's crazy. Joe Flacco's doing just enough, and that Ravens' defense is playing in 2001 form.

### NFL Upset

Carolina at Oakland — Oakland The Raiders are big time dogs in this game, but I have no other choice. I'm not picking the Chiefs that's for sure. Maybe the freak shows of the "Black Hole" can lead Oakland to a win.

### Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

**Prediction record (20-21)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Kansas at Nebraska — Big Red I am afraid Woody's coin toss will still do him no good. After the embarrassing OU loss, Peltz has his team looking for a strong finish. Huskers will finish the year 3-0.

### NCAA Upset

Alabama at LSU — LSU With the repeat national title hopes out of the picture, the Tigers would love nothing more than to keep the Crimson Tide out of the title game as well. It seems like that No. 1 spot is a tough one to hold on to, I think we will see another top team get dropped this week.

### NFL Lock

New York at Phillie — Eagles Normally I just pick against Dustin to make fun of him. But this week is a different story. This is a homer pick. I have always been an Eagles fan and although I think this is going to be a great game, McNabb will get the job done, keeping the Eagles in the hunt for the division.

### NFL Upset

Jacksonville at Detroit — Detroit Can Dante Culpepper help get the Lions their first win of the season?

### Woody's picks

**Prediction record (19-22)**  
Alright, here's the deal: Last week I picked Auburn over Ole Miss. Auburn had already lost three in a row, and I said that if a Tommy Tuberville-coached team lost four in a row I would make my picks based on a coin flip this week.

### NCAA Upset

Auburn lost 17-7. So, I found a penny in the bottom of a white plastic "Student Body" cup and went to work. My criteria for the games I chose to flip the coin for are as follows: Locks- take one of the smallest spreads in a still half-way relevant game (Arkansas State at Florida International didn't make the cut). Upsets- anything above a 3 point spread (relevance applies here too).

### NCAA Lock

Kansas at Nebraska — Kansas

### NCAA Upset


Notre Dame at Boston College — Irish

### NFL Lock


Tennessee at Chicago — Titans

### NFL Upset

Denver at Cleveland — Broncos



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## Top 6 Picks of the Week

By Brian Johnson  
Entertainment Reporter

**Coming To Theaters:** "Role Models" will be hitting theaters Friday, starring Paul Rudd ("Knocked Up"), Sean William Scott ("American Pie") and Christopher "McLovin" Mintz-Plasse ("Superbad"). The comedy follows two slackers who are assigned to 150 hours of community service mentoring two young boys. Fans of Rudd are sure to have a good time at this film that includes more of the great shocking comedy that he is known for. Be on the lookout for newcomer and Kansas City resident Bobb'e J. Thompson, as the smart-talking 12 year-old Ronnie.

**New Album in Stores:** The "Twilight" soundtrack hit stores on Tuesday. In anticipation of the movie based on the popular book, a number of artists have come to collaborate for the project including Paramore, Linkin Park, Collective Soul and Muse.

**New to DVD:** "Batman: The Animated Series" in its entirety was released on Tuesday. The caped crusader's adventures that entertained us all after school is finally released as a complete series. Watch Batman battle The Joker, Two-Face, The Penguin and others in this dark and entertaining series that will thrill hardcore Batman fans and animation fans.

**TV Show to check out:** "Chocolate News" starring David Alan Grier ("In Living Color") airs Wednesdays at 8/7 central on Comedy Central. This hilarious mix of "Chappelle's Show" and "The Daily Show" is targeted towards black audiences, but is great for anyone of any race. A mix of commentary from Grier as well as skits such as "Thugs Against High Gas Prices" is sure to entertain many whether they care about politics, news or if they just are looking for good comedy.

**Guilty Pleasure Song of the Week:** "The Show" by Lenka is tearing up the VH1 video countdown list and is getting considerable amount of airplay on the radio. This poppy and infectious little ditty by the bubbly Australian singer-songwriter is sure to become a crossover hit for indie music lovers and mainstream music lovers. Be sure to check out the hilarious and creative video and her self-titled album already in stores.

**New on DVD:** This movie adaptation of the hit TV show provided a bunch of laughs this past summer with Steve Carell at the helm. Be on the lookout for a hilarious gag reel as well as a bunch of other special features. Also be sure to catch 7 feet 3 inches tall Dalip Singh as the gentle funny giant who provides more excellent humor in this fun ride.

## STROLLER

## Your Man has a new president

Friends, history was made this week.

As you all know, or should know, unless you've been completely blind, deaf and oblivious to the world around you for the past week, Barack Obama defeated John McCain in the mud-slinging race for president.

Over the past year, people have spent countless hours campaigning for their favorite candidate, attending rallies to show their support, and of course, bitching about it as much as possible. Some of the people who did nothing but criticize Obama throughout the race felt a sting of pain Tuesday night. Instead of acting like the mature adults they are supposed to be, some felt the need to show their anger via none other than the high and mighty barker of all news: Facebook.

"...thinks that Tupac will come back because we now have a black president."

"...let's celebrate with the national anthem...oh wait, Barack OBOMBa doesn't do that."

"...is clutching his bible and gun close to his AMERICAN chest as he gently cries himself to sleep tonight."

Awesome, America. This is just freaking great. People have worked their asses off to get the youth to become involved in politics, but what they obviously didn't teach them is good sportsmanship. Sure, Your Man understands that losing sucks, but it's also pretty crappy to see a bunch of cry babies being sore losers.

Now, Your Man isn't going to say whether I am a Republican, Democrat or if I even voted at all. Hell, for all you know, Nader could be the best candidate in my eyes, but I think it's pretty lame that people are exploiting themselves all over a stupid social networking site about their reactions to the election.

The best part about these ever-so-clever statuses is



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probably the fact that the people posting them have no idea what they are talking about, therefore, they sound like a bunch of idiots.

"...says welcome to the downward spiral to socialism."

"...now knows that it is the end of the world! Baby killer in the whitehouse! BOOOO!"

But the one status that takes the cake and proves that people need to do a little research and/or need to think before they speak (or type) is something Your Man couldn't help but include.

"...voting for John McCane."

Again, awesome job, America. It's especially great that the sore losers of the country don't even know the Republican candidate's name and think our newly elected president is a "baby killer."

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

## REVIEW

## Reporter urges readers to give Emarosa's "Relativity" a chance

By Marshall Carlson  
Missourian Reporter

Have you ever listened to a new band you haven't heard before and thought to yourself, "Whoa, I'm not sure if I like this." I know I have had my doubts about some great bands. Yes was first, then Rush, Gov't Mule, followed by Primus and countless others, but after I listened to them more and more, I

realized the true capacity of their talent, much like Emarosa.

The Lexington, Ky. based Emarosa asks their listeners "to give it multiple listens before judging it," even though one time could be more than enough to appreciate the full power and sheer talent of this up-and-coming post-hardcore band on their debut album, "Relativity."

After the release of its 2007 debut EP, "This Is Your Way

Out," Emarosa went through a slight lineup change and picked up a new lead singer, Jonny Craig. In the first track, "The Past Should Stay Dead," you are immediately met with Craig's powerful and inspiring voice.

Contrary to "This Is Your Way Out," "Relativity" features absolutely no screaming vocals, just pure instrumental prowess fused with brilliant vocal melodies. "Heads Or Tails? Real Or

Not" is a great example. In fact, if you're looking for a band that knows how to push the boundaries, you're in the right place.

Thanks to the proficient playing of ER White and Jonas Ladejaer in songs like "Set It Off Like Napalm," there is never a dull in guitar action, which works amazingly well with the bass riffs of Will Sowers. Not to mention Lukas Koszewski, who is guaranteed to be doing some-

thing creative behind his drum set which, fully contributes to the sound of the group.

All in all, now that Emarosa has a new and impressive lineup, it's ready to strike it big. Not it hasn't already, selling more than 12,000 copies of "Relativity" since its release in July earlier this year. Emarosa is definitely a band to keep an eye on, and it could change the post-hardcore world.

## REVIEW

## Copeland concert helps reporter, fan 'To Be Happy Now'

By Hudson Kemna  
Missourian Reporter

Copeland is back on the music scene with their fourth studio album release and a tour across America to support it. On Nov. 1, Slowdown hosted a show featuring Copeland, Lovedrug, Lydia, and Lights. The doors opened to concert-goers at 8 p.m. followed by the first act around 9 p.m. Lights, a three-piece electronic/new wave group opened the night with a handful of mellow tunes. The crowd gradually warmed up to Lights by clapping after each song. The six-member-group, Lydia, then walked on stage barefoot and began its set of self-labeled "indie rock." Many of the songs were slow and quiet as three bandmates

waltzed around on stage, guitar or microphone in hand. Lydia refrained from engaging the crowd much, aside from the usual "thank yous" after each song. As Lydia closed out, many people who had been sitting at the tables or on the balconies made their way to the open area in front of the stage in anticipation for Lovedrug.

Lovedrug, another indie rock group made up of five guys, opened its set as the crowd began to bob their heads a little more. It has been my experience that the crowd generally reflects the energy of the band performing, specifically the front-man. In Lovedrug's case, the singer expressed his disappointment for the crowd's lack of involvement with the music and followed with

some sarcastic remarks. The venue had a very chill atmosphere, and most of the bands playing reflected it, so the crowd was unsure what the singer for Lovedrug wanted from them; it was not a high-energy tour. Nonetheless, they finished their set as a few people in the crowd chanted, "one more song," hoping for an encore. Unfortunately for them, encores are rarely allowed by anyone but the band that is headlining the show. That said, Lovedrug humbly gathered their equipment and headed off stage.

The area in front of the stage began to really fill up as the crowd pushed their way closer to the stage. Copeland, fronted by Aaron Marsh, took the stage and opened with a short introduction on his piano. And

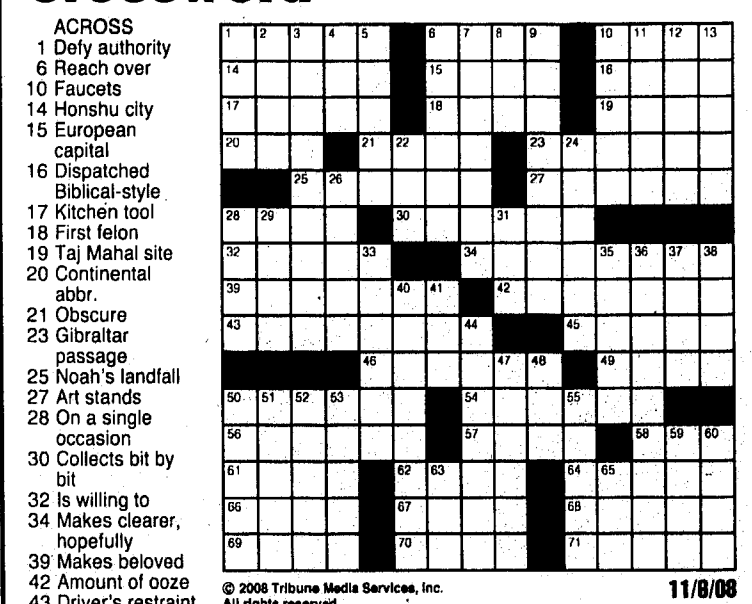
as the crowd shouted and cheered, the rest of the band took their place on stage. After the intro, Copeland segued into a song off their new album called, "To Be Happy Now."

In between each song, Marsh was sure to engage the crowd with questions and short funny comments before the band pushed forward to their set. After playing for close to an hour, Copeland said its "thank yous" and walked off stage. Almost immediately, the crowd began to chant, "One more song, one more song." It was not long before Copeland came back out and geared up for more song. Everyone stood in anticipation of the finale, wondering which song they would choose to end the night. One guy in the crowd shouted out, "California," which in turn led to a

handful of other people, including myself, shouting out the same. To our surprise and enjoyment, Copeland finished the set with one of its famous songs, "California."

Slowdown is a small venue located in Omaha, Nebraska housing a full bar, balcony, and stage for rock shows. On average, Slowdown hosts three shows a week that are generally open to all ages, and remains an over 21 bar the other nights. Copeland, Lovedrug, Lydia, and Lights are continuing their tour through the Midwest and further west into California, ironically enough. Check out Copeland at www.myspace.com/copeland and pick up their new album, "You Are My Sunshine" on Amazon.com or iTunes.

## Crossword



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**ACROSS**  
1 Daily authority  
6 Reach over  
10 Faucets  
14 Henrich city  
15 European capital  
16 Dispatched  
17 Kitchen tool  
18 First felon  
19 Taj Mahal site  
20 Continental abbr.  
21 Obscure  
23 Gibraltar  
25 Noah's landfall  
27 Air stands  
28 On a single occasion  
30 Collects bit by bit  
32 Is willing to  
34 Makes clear, hopefully  
39 Makes beloved  
42 Amount of ooze  
43 Driver's restraint  
45 Wooden shoe  
46 Least decorated  
49 Swart, casually  
50 Musical compositions  
54 Hardy's pal  
56 Cedar \_\_\_\_ IA  
57 Pear-shaped instrument  
58 Santa \_\_\_\_ CA  
61 Unit of work, briefly  
62 College credit  
64 Thesauri  
66 On \_\_\_\_ (without guarantee)  
68 Of the above  
69 DDE's rival  
70 Storage place  
71 Oologist's focus  
72 Ova  
73 Camouflage  
74 Down

**DOWN**  
1 Lasso  
2 Biblical twin  
3 Predator fish  
4 \_\_\_\_ (supplement)  
5 Insect stage  
6 Part of SSA  
7 Prayer book  
8 Rubbish  
9 Rulers before Lenin  
11 Pand growth  
12 Danger  
13 Swings at files  
22 Unit of work  
26 Fill an empty flat  
28 Is in debt to  
29 Of the above  
31 DDE's rival  
33 Applied by pats  
35 Swifty  
36 Arranged in columns  
37 Ids  
38 Solidifies  
40 Take back, as control  
41 Letters on cameras  
43 Location  
44 Revealing  
47 Pan-fries  
48 Palindromic pharaoh  
50 Chatterbox  
51 MacDill AFB  
52 Like some bunks  
53 Harrow parts  
55 Stick 'em up!  
56 Plane front  
60 Liberal  
63 Scold  
64 Constantly  
65 Fraternity letter



# A true political 'party'



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Party-goers Stephanie Bluth, Andrea Richardson, Chantel Olson, and Brittiany Turner watch as Ben Mendenhall colors Michigan blue after Obama won the state



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Ben Mendenhall checks Obama's poll results through live stream on-line.



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Stephanie Bluth makes a fresh batch of margaritas to help keep the festivities going Tuesday night.

## The status of a nation

In reaction to the election results, the 'status update' box on Facebook became overloaded with messages showing support and disappointment for the newly elected president. Here are some statuses that caught the Missourian's eye.

"... hopes Ann Nixon Cooper voted for McCain."

"... i bet there is alot of maryvillians that arent so mary now lol."

"... WTF America"

"...is It's just one Hussein after another..."

"... thinks oprah should've won."

"...Wow, What a way to make HISTORY! Now NOTHING can hold you back from your DREAM. Decision 08- Dream come true."

"... hopes he never hears about Joe the Plumber again."

"... quit acting like it's d-day people. GO OBAMA!"

"... is glad alot of his ignorant friends are going to Canada :)"

"... is heading to KC to apply for welfare... then going on an extended "vacation" to Ontario."

"... believes she has every right to complain since she actually voted...If you didn't exercise your freedom to vote you shouldn't exercise your freedom to complain."

"...Call yo MOMMA its time fo OBAMA."

"...is more concerned with a democrat controlled congress than president Hussein. oops i mean president Obama."

"...is disgusted by some of the things ppl are saying, if u want to leave the country be obama is president... then leave...n watch how fast youll come running back."

## Student voters cheer for the presidential race

By Sydney Moore  
Features Editor

There's nothing like toasting to politics. For one group of Northwest students, Tuesday night was the perfect opportunity to get together and throw back a few drinks as they watched the results come in from the presidential race.

For this group, it was all about Obama. To help celebrate every time Obama won a state, the group made a game out of it.

"We're going to drink everytime Obama wins a state, or the touch map on CNN focuses on Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Ohio, because that's where we are all from," senior Ben Mendenhall said.

"And everytime McCain or Palin is mentioned," senior Stephanie Bluth added. "Or

when they mention 'maverick' talk."

With close eyes on CNN and the Internet, the group kept a map on the wall, coloring each state red or blue when a candidate was projected to win.

"We'll go ahead and give Wyoming to McCain, obviously," Mendenhall explained as he colored the state red.

"And Utah," Bluth added.

"I never liked the color red anyway," senior Chantel Olson chimed in.

After coloring the northern states their respected color, the controversy of the tight race in Missouri added much excitement.

"Missouri is tied 49 percent to 49 percent right now," Mendenhall shouted. "Obama is actually winning, holy s---!"

"If he loses Missouri, I'm gonna stick it to everyone I went to high school with," senior

Andrea Richardson said.

With the projections of each state on CNN, came what the group deemed, the "C-3PO" hologram of celebrities, such as musician Will.I.Am, and news anchors from around the country.

"It's crazy," Mendenhall said in regards to the holograms. "He's from a different location, it's like they zip 'em there."

"Look at the C-3 dude," Olson said, excitedly. "Isn't it creepy?"

"Drink to that," Richardson added.

As the night went on, the votes rolled in and the margaritas got a little stronger. As larger states, such as Texas and Florida closed their polls, the map became bluer, and the laughter and anticipation became greater.

"I like this," Richardson said of the game. "Obama's getting me drunk."